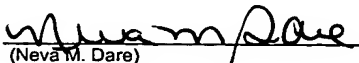


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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a four-month extension of time to and including November 20, 2002 to respond to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002. Our check in the amount of \$1,440.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

Applicant believes no additional fee is due. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge the deposit account of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P., 06-2375 under order no. T02403, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed.

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